

BASCOM L. FIELD AS A SOLDIER

AS A SOLDIER Bascom L. Field was without a flaw, a volunteer Officer in the Engineers, a position attainable only through previous technical excellence found to be combined with qualities of leadership, judgment and ability.

Member too of a unit which must give honor of position to none. Ninety-five percent of the personnel, sons of native born Americans, first American troops on the soil of Belgium, and a unit which helped break the Hindenburg Line.

The 30th Division is a distinctively American division. The division was constituted of National Guard troops of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, augmented by many thousands of selected draft troops from the states of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The division was dubbed "Old Hickory" after the warrior and statesman Andrew Jackson, who was so closely identified with the history of the states furnishing the major portion of its members.

Bascom Field volunteered. He did this quietly and at once. He had believed for several years that the United States should go in the war and his direct, fact facing nature accepted no other plan than his own offer of life.

A brief history of his war record is given in "A History of the 105th Regiment of Engineers" published by members of the unit immediately following